

The Archer

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EXTRA.

Flavius Josephus (the II) Van Vorhis

Divine, Doctor, Jurist, Statesman, Philanthropist and Economist.

THE NATURAL CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF INDIANAPOLIS. CHAMPION OF THE WORKINGMEN.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 1897.—Interest in the approaching municipal election is gaining in intensity, not as regards the plans of the republicans, who are quietly running their lumber camp on full time, but as to the rapidly developing leadership of Hon. F. J. VanVorhis of the consolidated forces which are destined to rule the convention that names the next mayor of Indianapolis.

As such leader he has not a rival for the coveted nomination, if information from an inside source is to be relied upon.

NAME A HOUSEHOLD WORD.

Probably no man in Indianapolis is better known in his own neighborhood than is the learned Doctor of Medicine, Law and Divinity. His practice before the various collection courts of this city has made his captivating features (bitterly) familiar, and his name a household invective with many an unfortunate debtor.

As advising attorney for the several suburban city governments he demonstrated a rarely developed judicial mind, and acquired the inestimable experience to fit him for the peculiarly exacting duties of chief magistrate of the metropolis of Indiana.

Dr. Josephus VanVorhis has qualifications as a medicine man not possessed by any other person living or dead, and the people of this city will never realize their great loss should they let pass unimproved this opportunity to recognize his ambition to become a boon to suffering humanity.

MAN OF VARIED ATTAINMENTS.

Coupled with the ex-senator's medical attainments and jurisprudential achievements it should not be overlooked that he once graced the pulpit and even now gives fostering care, singly and alone to a church formed in conformity with his own exacting ideas of religious freedom, even to the fluctuating meanderings of the pastor. All this and more, based on a masterful understanding of political economy, as applied to his own aspirations, form the magnificent monument of merit, that towering high above all

ordinary claims of mere men, tickles the arched canopy of the enveloping body politic, and crowns his head with the ozone azure blue of brilliant prospects.

Dr. VanVorhis, recognizing the fact that unless the democratic party could be properly consolidated with the free silver republicans and populists there would be no opportunity for him to save the people from impending danger, conceived the idea of uniting the two parties named above, and by inflating the aggregation to proportions of a powerful machine, command such concessions as to be able to put a Populist-Silver-Republican head on the Democratic party.

UNSELFISH EVER.

The doctor is credited with the undisputed control of the Silver Republican party, and his close association with Charles W. Browne places him in command of the Populist city machine, a constituency said to be as solid as the rock of ages in its devotion to their chosen leader. By unselfishly encouraging an organization of workingmen, known as Plato's Archers, which grew to many hundreds in membership under the tropical stimulus of his philanthropic smiles, he had hoped to surround himself with sufficient push to herald his fame as the defender of working men to all the corners of the great city in which he resides. Knowing how dearly workingmen love to be recognized by prominent personages, men of known and established reputations, he has availed himself of the weekly opportunity during four months past to appear before them arrayed in the habiliments betokening his devotion to downtrodden humanity, broadcloth dress suit, diamond pin, silk tie, gold headed cane and neat tan gloves.

That he has succeeded in being surrounded is true beyond the necessity of corroborative testimony.

It is said that last week he held a council of peace with the

HEADLESS DEMOCRACY, And tendered his masterpiece, the S.-R.-P. head, a sort of silver amalgam

shell game, under which a VanVorhis ball is hid. The game is to get bats that there is no ball under the shell. Then the headless democracy looked at the innocent appearing shell but declined to bet, and the illustrious inventor put the machine back in his private tin box, along with the roster of a Workingmen's society which he does not wish "ever to see the light," and went up to Room 51 to discuss the situation with the two Captains.

Announcement.

The next issue of the ARCHER will contain some very interesting articles, among which may be a few of the letters which we have been accumulating, some of them being written by the Hon. Flavius J. Van Vorhis, Capt. Silas M. Shepard, Capt. Charles W. Brouse and Hon. Julius Rosenheiner, Chairman of the Populist State Central Committee. These patriots in humanity's just cause are entitled to a hearing on the charge that they had no selfish motive in encouraging workingmen to join a secret society which they intended to control. The charge was made by themselves, let it be remembered.

"Diamond Joe"-sephus.

The workingmen's champion, Diamond Pin Joe.

Diamond Pin Joe has the silver vote solidly BEHIND him.

Our choice for Mayor of Indianapolis, Diamond Pin Joe.

Flavius Josephus (the II), Mayor of Indianapolis, the Workingmen's anti-election friend.

Who went into a workingmen's organization with the silver vote behind him, and who went out again leaving it behind him? Echoes of Iron Holl answer "Flavius."

It is not true that Dr. Van Vorhis would be an active member of a labor organization for four months before he learned that it was for workingmen, and not for political lawyers.

Dr. Flavius Josephus Van Vorhis has been vindicated. The charge that he conspired to steal the Order of Archery to ride into the office of Mayor, is proven a base falsehood.

It is not true that Dr. Flavius Josephus Van Vorhis came into a workingmen's meeting, called the Archers, with kid gloves, a gold-headed cane and a diamond stud flashing from his bosom.

Little Charley Brouse, who wouldn't have his name connected with a labor organization for the world, but would consent to be "executive board" for one, has once more got enough, of labor organizations.

DIAMOND PIN JOE IN ERROR.

His Legal Opinions Regarding
Labor Certificates are
Faulty.

At Least so They Appear in Light
of Explicit Rulings from the
United States Treasury
Department.

When Flavius Josephus Van Vorhis announced to the world through the flaming dispatches of the daily press that the Industrial feature of the Archers would land its members in the penitentiary for violating the revenue laws relating to issuance of money substitutes, he slanders his own reputation as a legal light.

He did not wait to learn that just such ambitious schemers had been amply provided against in the ground work of Archery. He did not take the usual precaution either to acquaint himself with the Industrial degree of Archery in its application, which gives rise to the suspicion that his dreams of benefits for the working men were only dreams, and he incapable of interpreting into practice the crudest sort of dreams, which in their revelation carried out a practical help to the man of toil.

He further was not up on what constitutes a violation of revenue laws. The Labor Exchange had already a ruling from the Department upon that very point, and the Archer scrip is even less a violation than is the Labor Exchange check. Flavius Josephus should peruse the following, and retrace his steps, if he is heading for the Mayoralty or U. S. Senate:

A TREASURY RULING.

OFFICE OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE
WASHINGTON, D. C., FEB. 13, 1896.

Mr. W. A. McClure, Secretary Labor Exchange, Ashtabula, Ohio: Sir—The comptroller of the currency has referred to this office your letter addressed to him on the 30th ultimo, inquiring whether the issuance and use of certificates of deposit "not redeemable in legal tender but receivable by the Labor Exchange Association in payment for merchandise, for all services and for all debts and dues to the same" and "balance checks or due bills" for "balance due bearer in labor or the products of labor" make the Association liable to any revenue tax.

If these obligations are not redeemable in money (as from their face appears to be the fact) by the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, they are not such notes as are subjects of taxation under the internal revenue laws; and the Labor Exchange Association is therefore not liable under these laws, for tax on account of the issuance and use of these certificates. Respectfully yours,

(Signed) M. WILSON,
Acting Commissioner.